



## H.Res. 1002 – Expressing support for designation of April 2008 as "Public Radio Recognition Month"

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1002 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) on February 26, 2008. The resolution was ordered to be reported, as amended, by vote by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on June 12, 2008.

H.Res. 1002 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 17, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 1002 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses support for designation of a 'Public Radio Recognition Month'; and
- Encourages the celebration of America's public radio stations for their contributions to our Nation's communities and enduring civic spirit.

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### BACKGROUND

There are over 800 public radio stations in the United States, serving an audience of approximately 33 million listeners. According to the Radio Research Consortium, an independent, not-for-profit research firm, the public radio audience in 2007 was approximately 28 million in the United States. Public radio stations are typically licensed by universities, libraries, community organizations and other nonprofit associations. Local sources account for about 85 percent of the funding for public radio.

Public radio stations often purchase programming from a national distributor such as National Public Radio (NPR) or the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). Public radio in the United States often broadcasts a mixture of news and talk radio programming, as well as various musical genres.

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